CAREER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY #1

Title: The Dream



Standard 8001.01: The student will develop self-knowledge and skills related to the

world of work and occupations.

Objective .0101: Acquire self-knowledge related to education and

occupational exploration.

Objective .0102: Understand the role of work in society.

Objective .0104: Recognize the effects of changing gender roles in

occupations.

Time: 45-50 minutes

Materials: % The Real Game (pages 35-42)*

% Copies of the Wish List for each student or for every 2 students:

T 6 pages of the Wish List from the *The Real Game* (Teacher Copies CD 1.4-1.7 and 1.11-1.12)

T 3 additional TLC Wish List pages (Teacher Copies CD 1.8-1.10) (It is recommended that classroom sets of the Wish List pages which are included in the resource box be made and kept in folders. It is best to copy the sheets back to back, then laminate or place in sheet protectors.)

% Student Record Books

"Wish Upon a Star" RB 4 (Teacher Copy CD 1.13)
"Personal Log: My Dream" RB 5 (Teacher Copy 1.14)

Rationale: Seventh grade students are usually in the fantasy stage of career development. This activity gives students the opportunity to explore and express their dreams by choosing lifestyle items (houses, vehicles, food, clothing, entertainment, and leisure items) they wish to have in their adult lives. The ensuing career development activities in the TLC course have been designed and sequenced to help students move from the fantasy stage into the tentative period where they are prepared to look more realistically at the world of work.

Note: The Real Game is used in TLC as a career development tool. Some of The Real Game activities are used out of sequence and many others have not been used because of time limitations. Schools are encouraged to use other parts of The Real Game in other curricular areas or other grade levels.

What? In what activity will the student participate?

This activity is found on pages 35-42 in *The Real Game* facilitator's guide.

You may want to consider making the following adaptations:

- (1) **[3-5 minutes]** Begin the activity with a brief guided imagery exercise. Have students close their eyes and relax. Ask them to picture the following events in their minds as you mention them:
 - Today you begin to realize how much fun seventh grade can really be. At lunch you meet a new person. He/she turns out to be a really good friend. What does this person look like?
 - You receive your first 7th grade report card. All of your grades are A's and B's. How do you feel? What do your parents say?
 - Winter comes. It is really cold and the snow is deep in the mountains. How are you spending your time?
 - S Time passes quickly. Spring comes. Soon school is out for another year. What are you doing this summer?
 - Eighth grade starts. What activities are you involved in? What type of classes are you taking? What are your grades like?
 - Before you know it, you are in ninth grade. You are now in high school! You are excited, but a little nervous too. You have made several new friends. Who are they? What do they like to do? Some of your classes take quite a bit of time, but you still participate in school clubs and activities. Which ones are they?
 - Suddenly you turn 16. You can drive! You have a lot more freedom.
 What do you do for fun? Are you doing well in school? Do you have a job?
 - You cannot believe it. You are actually attending your high school graduation! You never thought this day would come. Now what are you going to do? There are so many choices. Will you go to college or get a job? What will your friends do?
 - Time passes even more quickly. You are 25 (or 30) years old. People now treat you like an adult. What job do you have? How well does it pay? What kind of car do you drive? What does your house look like? Are you married or single? Do you have any children? What are your interests and hobbies?

Ask students to open their eyes. Explain that today they will have an opportunity to create their own dreams. They will choose the type of housing, transportation, food, clothing, and entertainment they would like to have when they are adults.

(2) **[20 minutes]** Turn to page 35 in *The Real Game* facilitator's guide and do items 1-3. When you hand out the Wish List include the additional pages from pages CD 1.4 -1.6 which contain additional food, clothing, and entertainment options. You may want to make classroom sets of all of these pages and laminate them or put them in binders with sheet

protectors. Have the students identify the items they dream of having as adults and record their choices on RB4 in their **Record Books**.

NOTE: Be sure that students understand that everything should be listed in the Student Record Books according to monthly cost. Many students will need to have mortgage defined for them. Also, explain that each picture in the Wish List represents a whole category of items (i.e., the BMW represents all luxury vehicles, the four-wheel drive represents all makes and models of sports utility vehicles, etc.).

So What? What will the student learn as a result of participation in this activity?

[10 minutes] Discuss and process this activity using item 4 from page 35 of the facilitator's guide and/or some of the discussion questions found on page 36. Ask the students why it is important for them to dream about the future. Be sure to discuss the idea that dreams give us hope and motivate us to accomplish great things.

Now What? What can the student do with this new information with regard to career development?

[5-10 minutes] Have students write a paragraph on RB 5 in their Student Record Books describing their dreams for the future. At age 25 (or 30) what will their jobs be like? Where will they live? What will their families be like? What will they do for fun? Ask the students to write in present tense (i.e., "Today is my twenty-fifth birthday and I just got the greatest job...") and encourage them to push the limits of possibility. If time permits, have a couple of students read their dreams to the class.

HomeLink: A Suggest that students discuss their dreams with their parents.

SEOPLink: Parents may enjoy reading their student's Wish List and dream paragraph during the individual or group SEOP meeting.

Work-based learning link: If more time is desired for enrichment, a work-based learning day could be planned in conjunction with this activity (i.e., a real estate agent, car salesman, or financial planner could give prices for your area while describing his/her career).

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Wish List

Cover Sheet

Please return this packet to your teacher at the end of class.



Two-bedroom trailer. Good condition, garden in place, deck, playground, close to major highways.

Excellent school in neighborhood.

Cost: \$55,000

Rent: \$400/month Mortgage: \$470/month (based on a \$40,000 25-year mortgage)



Five-bedroom century farmhouse, 10 minutes to commuter station. Totally renovated house, 50 acres with barn and pond. Features country kitchen, five working fireplaces, original moldings and hardwood floors, flagstone terrace, professional landscaping, tennis court, outdoor pool.

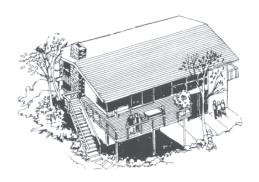
Cost: \$400,000

Mortgage: \$4,100/month (based on a \$350,000 25-year mortgage)



Studio apartment in semi-restored older home. Hot plate and fridge, shared bath, laundry in basement. 20 minutes to downtown.

Rent: \$75/week, \$300/month



Brand-new, architect-designed, open-plan house. View of the ravine, two whirlpool baths, finished family room, fireplace, Italian-style kitchen. Three bedrooms.

Cost: \$270,000

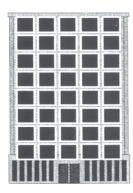
Rent: \$2,200/month Mortgage: \$2,790/month (based on a 4240,000 25-year mortgage)



Three-bedroom house only 20 minutes to city limits. Laundry and kitchen appliances, fenced yard, building sound but needs some cosmetics.

Cost: \$65,000

Rent: \$450/month
Mortgage: \$595/month
(based on \$50,000 25-year mortgage)



Studio loft in renovated warehouse downtown. Exposed brick, 15-foot ceilings. Close to restaurants and theaters. Cost: \$65,000

Rent: \$750/month
Mortgage: \$650/month
(based on a \$55,000 25-year mortgage)





Restored four-bedroom century home in the heritage district. Original moldings, two working fireplaces, hardwood floors, modernized kitchen and baths.

Cost: \$240,000

Rent: \$2,000/month Mortgage: \$2,325/month

(based on a \$200,000 25-year mortgage)



Three-bedroom, two-bath end unit in ten-year-old subdivision. Five appliances, mature trees, close to schools, excellent condition.

Cost: \$160,000

Rent: \$1,100/month Mortgage: \$1,625/month (based on a \$140,000 25-year mortgage)



One-bedroom walk-up apartment in midtown. Close to shopping, transit, and theaters.

Rent: \$450/month



One-bedroom-plus-den high-rise suite. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, two bathrooms. Skyline view, club-room and weight-room facilities.

Cost: \$95,000

Rent: \$1,200/month Mortgage: \$950/month (based on an \$80,000 25-year mortgage)



Two-bedrooms-plus-den in a renovated midtown duplex.

Ten-foot ceilings, fenced yard, quiet street.

Cost: \$120,000

Rent: \$900/month
Mortgage: \$1,165/month
(based on a \$100,000 25-year mortgage)



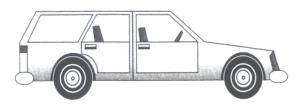
Living at home with parents/family Rent: \$50/week, \$200/month



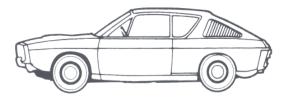
Transportation



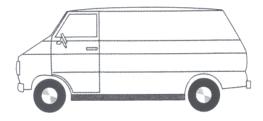
High-end import
New: \$58,000 = **\$1,000/month**/5 years
Used: \$15,000 = **\$300/month**/ 5 years



Family car New: \$22,000 = \$400/month/5 years Used: \$5,000 = \$150/month/3 years



Compact
New: \$12,000 = **\$220/month**/5 years
Used: \$2,000 = **\$95/month**/2 years



Van
New: \$17,500 = **\$310/month**/5 years
Used: \$6,500 = **\$200/month**/3 years



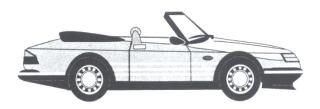
Four-wheel drive New: \$23,000 = **\$400/month/** 5 years Used: \$8,000 = **\$250/month/**3 years



Scratch & dent special
Used: \$1,200 = \$100/month/1 year
Used more: \$900 = \$75/month/1 year



Classic car From the '50s: \$5,000 = \$165/month/3\$ years From the '60s: \$6,000 = \$200/month/3\$ years



My own convertible! New: \$20,000 = **\$350/month**/5 years Used: \$4,000 = **\$130/month**/3 years



Transportation



Motorcycle New: \$6,000 = **\$275/month/2** years Used: \$2,000 = **\$95/month/2** years



Pickup New: \$15,500 = **\$295/month**/5 years Used: \$4,500 = **\$150/month**/3 years



Luxury sedan
New: \$40,000 = **\$700/month**/5 years
Used: \$10,000 = **\$300/month**/3 years



Snowmobile New: \$10,000 = **\$300/month/**3 years Used: \$2,800 = **\$125/month/**2 years



Horseback
Purchase & upkeep: \$300/month



Taxi
1 to 5 times a week: \$40 to \$240/month
10 to 20 times a week: \$400 to \$800/month



Speedboat New: \$20,000 = **\$350/month/3 years**



Bicycle
New racer: \$800 = \$65/month/1 year
Second-hand 3-speed: \$65, \$10/month for parts



Transit Pass **\$50/month**









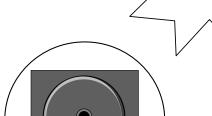
Fast Food Cost: \$5.00



Bowling Cost: \$10.00



Movies Cost: \$10.00



Music CD Cost: \$15.00



Concert Cost: \$30.00



Cable TV monthly subscription Cost: \$30.00



Entertainment Options

Professional Sports
Event
Cost: \$30.00



Restaurant Cost: \$30.00



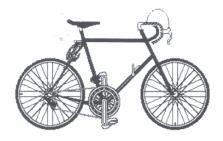
Snowboarding/Skiing Cost: \$50.00



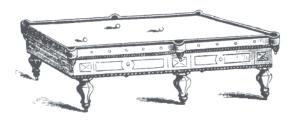
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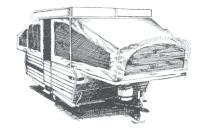
Seasonal home
Cost: \$45,000
Rent: \$450/month (summer only)
Mortgage: \$410/month/25 years
(based on \$35,000 25-year mortgage)



15-speed racing bike New: \$250 = **\$25/month**/1 year Used: \$75 = **\$9/month**/1 year



Billiard table
New: \$5,000 = \$220/month/2 years



Camper
New: \$6,500 = **\$200/month**/3 years
Used: \$2,000 = **\$95/month**/2 years



Sailboat New: \$65,000 = **\$675/month/**10 years Used: \$25,000 = **\$300/month/**10 years



Runabout/fishing boat New: \$20,000 = **\$375/month**/5 years Used: \$4,000 = **\$150/month**/3 years



Horse Purchase & upkeep: \$300/month



Snowmobile New: \$10,000 = **\$300/month/**3 years Used: \$2,800 = **\$125/month/**2 years





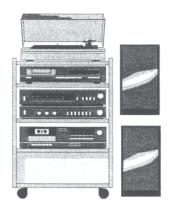
Motor home New: \$55,000 = **\$600/month/**10 years Used: \$18,000 = **\$175/month/**10 years



Home computer system
State of the art: \$2,900 = \$125/month/2 years
Less powerful model: \$1,500 = \$70/month/2 years



Camera equipment New: \$650 = \$60/month/1 year Used: \$200 = \$20/month/1 year



Sound system
Decent: \$1,800 = \$80/month/2 years
Discount model: \$900 = \$45/month/2 years

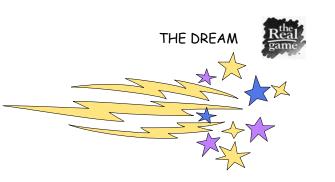


All-season weekend retreat
Cost: \$65,000
Rent: \$450/month, plus utilities
Mortgage: \$525/month/25 years
(based on a \$40,000 25-year mortgage)



Pets Vet, food, grooming, treats: \$30/month





Personal Wish List

Category	Brief Description	Cost per Month
Housing		
Transportation		
Food (groceries)		
Clothing		
Entertainment		
Other (recreation, etc.)		

Our dreams give us hope for the future and motivate us to accomplish great things. Below write a paragraph describing your dreams for the future. Imagine that it is your twenty-fifth birthday. Write in the present tense (i.e., "Today is my twenty-fifth birthday and I just got the greatest job..."), and don't be afraid to push the limits of possibility. Include information about your job, where you live, what your family is like, what you do for fun, and anything else that you dream about.

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